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SUBJECT: FRG FONMIN' S VIEWS ON US- EUROPEAN RELATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: THE PRESTIGIOUS FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG ON APRIL 13 CARRIED AN EXCLUSIVE ARTICLE BY FRG FONMIN SCHEEL ON US- EUROPEAN RELATIONS. THE PIECE IS VERY REASONABLE AND POSITIVE IN TONE, AND APPEARS TO BE DESIGNED TO SET THE STAGE FOR THE UPCOMING VISIT OF SCHEEL AND THE CHANCELLOR TO WASHINGTON IN MAY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ARTICLE, WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT' S OFFICIAL BULLETIN, WAS PREPARED FOR THE NEWSPAPER AT SCHEEL' S INITIATIVE. THE TEXT FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

BEGIN TEXT: THE CONTACT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE U. S. AND THE FRG IS FRIENDLY, EVEN CORDIAL. WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS THE ATTITUDE OF OUR PEOPLE TOWARD THE U. S. SOLDIERS IS OPEN- MINDED. THERE IS NO DIVERGENCE BETWEEN U. S. AND GERMAN INTERESTS; INSTEAD THEY RATHER SUPPLEMENT EACH OTHER. FAMILIARITY WITH EACH OTHER' S AFFAIRS AND MUTUAL CONFIDENCE HAVE INCREASED DURING MORE THAN 25 YEARS OF CLOSE ASSOCIATION. THE DAYS OF NONCOMMITTAL AND VAGUE PROTESTATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP HAVE GONE. WE PURSUE A MUTUALLY BINDING POLICY WHICH IS COORDINATED IN DETAIL. THIS EVEN APPLIES TO QUESTIONS OF WORLD POLITICS SUCH AS DETENTE IN EUROPE.

ONE MIGHT REACH THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO LET ALL THIS GO ON UNDISTURBED. THIS IS IN FACT THE CONCLUSION REACHED IN A JOINT STUDY ON GERMAN- AMERICAN RELATIONS PREPARED BY THE PLANNING STAFFS OF THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTRIES.

WHAT ARE THE GROUNDS FOR THE ASSERTION THAT THERE IS A CRISIS? THERE IS, TO BEGIN WITH, THE CRITICISM OF U. S. POLICY IN VIETNAM, AND THE DEMANDS BY INDIVIDUALS FOR AN AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL. A REVIEW OF THE EVENTS IN 1968 AND 1969 PUTS THESE THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE. AT THAT TIME AN ANTI- AMERICAN TREMOR ACTUALLY SHOOK THE FRG AND EUROPE. GOETHE' S EXCLAMATION ' AMERICA, YOU ARE BETTER OFF' NO LONGER APPLIED IN EVERY CASE. THE MODEL COUNTRY OF EUROPEAN REFUGEES WAS BESET BY INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PROBLEMS AND FRUSTRATIONS. WHAT AMERICA HAD DONE PARTICULARLY FOR

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US -- SAVING US FROM STARVATION, THE MARSHALL PLAN,

THE AIR LIFT -- NO LONGER MEANT ANYTHING FOR THE YOUNG  
GENERATION  
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THIS ALSO HAS BENEFITED THE U. S., WHICH BETWEEN 1958 AND 1971 INCREASED ITS EXPORTS TO THE EEC FROM 2.8 BILLION DOLLARS TO 9 BILLION DOLLARS. THINGS ALSO LOOK FAVORABLE FOR THE U. S. IN THE INVEST-EMNT SECTOR. AS EARLY AS IN 1968, THE TURNOVER OF AMERICAN SUBSIDIARIES IN EEC NATIONS AMOUNTED TO 14 BILLION DOLLARS, I. E. TWO- AND- ONE- HALF TIMES THE TOATL OF AMERICAN EXPORTS TO THIS AREA. AMOUNTING TO 22.5 BILLION DOLLARS, AMERICAN INVESTMENTS IN THE NINE EC COUNTRIES MAKE UP MORE THAN A FOURTH OF AMERICA' S OVERALL FOREIGN INVESTMENTS. THE PROFIT IS CONSIDERABLE. MISINFORMATION AND MISUNDERSTANDING EXIST IN THIS FIELD ALSO. AND WE MUST BEAR IN MIND THAT THE U. S. IS BUILDING A BARGAINING POSITION FOR THE COMING GATT ROUND. NEVERTHELESS, WE SHOULD TAKE JUSTIFIED CRITICISM SERIOUSLY AND INDICATE READINESS TO NEGOTIATE.

COMPARED TO THE '60' S, THE U. S. RELATIONSHIP WITH EUROPE HAS GENERALLY IMPROVED. THE TWO RECENT MONETARY CRISES DEMONSTRATE THAT THE U. S. AND EUROPE CAN MUSTER THE REQUIRED SOLIDARITY. HAVE WE FORGOTTEN THE FRICTION RESULTING IN 1963 FROM THE FRENCH VETO OF BRITAIN' S ACCESSION TO THE COMMON MARKET? AND WE MIGHT RECALL THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY TOLD A VISITOR WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO EXPLAIN TO HIM THE GERMAN- FRENCH TREATY, ' YOU WANT TO STAB USIN THE BACK.' WHAT IS INTERPRETED AS A CRISIS ACTUALLY CONCERNS SOMETHING ELSE: THE U. S. IS TRYING TO BROADEN INTERNATIONAL STABILITY. THE PILLARS OF THIS STRUCTURE ARE THE U. S. AND THE SOVIET UNION, BUT ALSO CHINA, JAPAN AND WESTERN EUROPE. THE QUEST FOR A PENTAGON OF BALANCE REVEALS THAT AT LEAST ONE ANGLE IS MISSING -- A POLITICALLY UNITED WESTERN EUROPE. DISPLEASURE WITH THIS IS MOUNTING. AMERICAN INDUSTRY CONSIDERS THE COMMON MARKET A TROUBLESOME COMPETITOR. THE POLITICAL RELIEF IT WAS EXPECTED TO FURNISH HAS NOT MATERIALIZED. THERE IS NO EUROPEAN AUTHORITY FOR QUESTIONS OF WORLD POLITICS. ' WHEN WE CALL YOU NOBODY PICKS UP THE RECEIVER,' AN AMERICAN INTERLOCUTOR TOLD ME.

THE IDEA OF EQUAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN AMERICAN AND  
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THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES UNFORTUNATELY STILL IS WISHFUL

THINKING. IT WILL REMAIN SO AS LONG AS THE EUROPEANS  
CONSIDER THE AMERICAN ENGAGEMENT ON THEIR CONTINENT AS  
NATURAL, ARE NOT RESPONSIVE TO A TRANS- ATLANTIC  
DIALOGUE, AND REFUSE TO ASSUME MORE RESPONSIBILITY IN  
WORLD POLITICS. THE AMERICANS SURELY ALSO DEFEND THEIR  
OWN INTERESTS IN EUROPE. THEIR PRESENCE FORMS PART OF  
A NECESSARY POLICY OF ALLIANCE. BUT WHO SAYS THAT  
THAT RATIONALE ALWAYS PREVAILS IN POLITICS, THAT THE  
RIGHT THING IS ALWAYS DONE? THUS THE POST- WORLD WAR  
ONE SITUTATION WAS MARKED BY AMERICAN ISOLATIONISM AND  
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